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Applicant : Noel Morel

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For : RUBBER ARTICLE WITH A JUNCTION
BETWEEN TWO RUBBER MIXES

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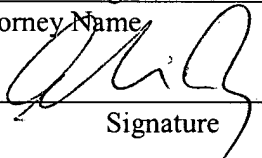
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Sir:

This paper is respectfully submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed December 24, 2002 in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 8 and 9.